

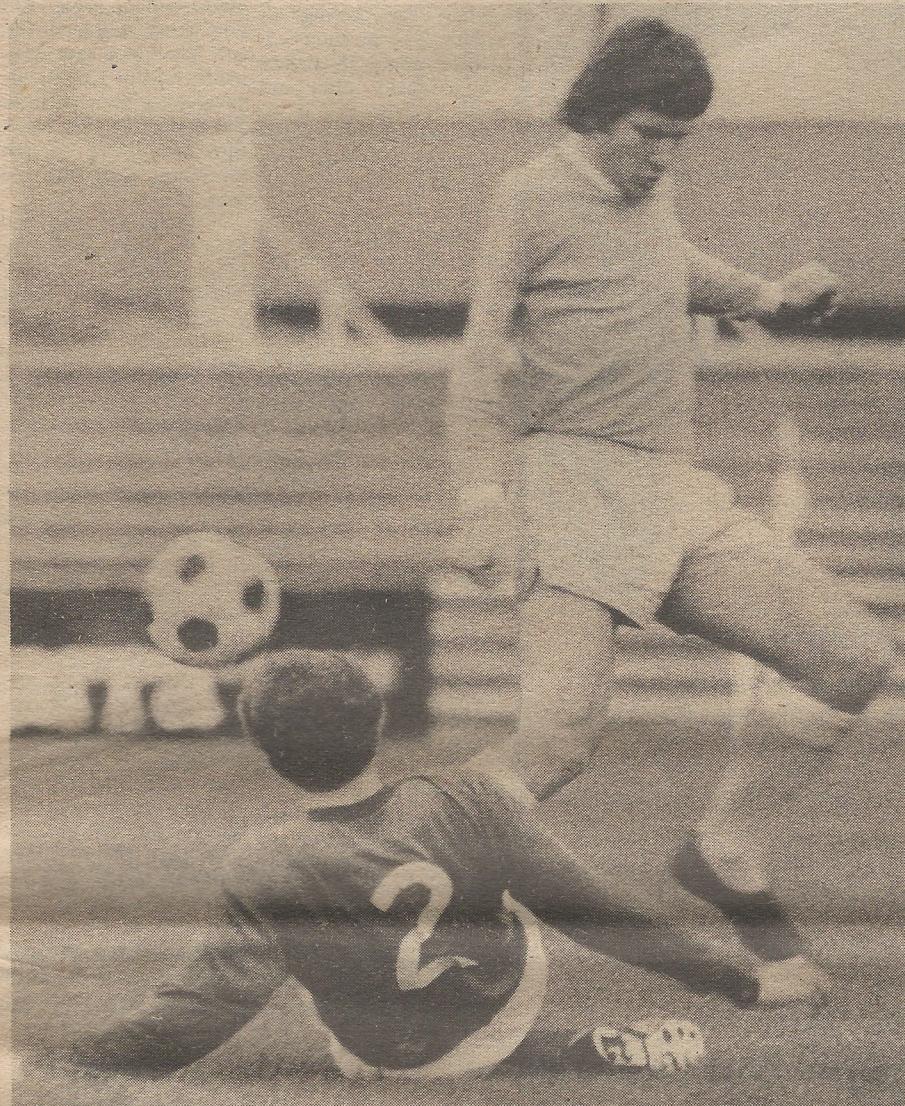
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BRANKO TRAJANOVSKI

By GEORGE YELLAND

Successful Soccer clubs, particularly in Victoria, usually have one man who puts the welfare of the club before all else and works tirelessly for its advancement. With Preston, that man is BRANKO TRAJANOVSKI.

Branko, a big man in every sense of the word, with a ready smile and philosophical approach to life in general, is the hard working and efficient secretary of the old Makedonia (now Preston) Soccer Club. He came to Australia from Austria in 1957 and played in Victoria for HAJDUK Soccer Club.

Hajduk, Preston Croatia and Geelong Croatia eventually amalgamated to form Makedonia SC in 1958.

Born in the Macedonian city of Skopje, in 1933, Branko, like so many European youngsters, started kicking a ball almost before he could walk.

He has played football, and since retiring, administered it, all his life. Like all devout Soccer men, he loves the game passionately and immediately one season finishes is thinking about and working for the next.

In 1958, he married Anna who has presented him with three fine children. Jimmy, 15 years old, is playing with the under 16 side at Preston, John who is 9 and Susan 4 are the others.

Branko played with Makedonia as centre half, from 1958 to 1963. His last three seasons as captain/coach.

He was co-selector with Alec Glennie (former Slavia State League star) in the club's palmy days, 1964/65/66, when they rose to State League. In Yugoslavia, Branko was with a third division side in the Slovenian State League,

Branko has had no small influence on the negotiations and hopes the club may be playing there next season.

Preston were second division champions in 1973 and made a bold bid for State League this time, but will probably just miss out.

Next year they intend making an all out bid for it.

Branko is conscious of the need for developing the club's own juniors.

He says that Chris Ristevski is doing a great job with their under 14 and under 16 teams and hopes next year to increase the number and scope of juniors. He has a great interest in promoting the game in schools and has been prime mover in the organisation of a schools competition at the end of August, in which Preston juniors will take part.

On Soccer in Australia, he had some reservations.

He agreed that Australia's performance in the World Cup had given the game a boost here and that Football Pools were likely to help, but is convinced that the overall standard of the game and its administration needs to improve greatly.

In Victoria, the State League standard has fallen and its crowd appeal has dropped accordingly.

On the other hand, the Metropolitan League has made big strides in both directions and administration has improved immensely.

Unity is a first priority. Federation was conceived on the same basis as the VFL. It was

leagues. ***

NEW FACES will soon be seen in several State League clubs. George Kerry, Polonia's president told me that Mr Ostrowski, the club's secretary, is at present in Poland negotiating for two top players. Slavia is expecting five players from overseas and JUST is negotiating with two top players in Yugoslavia. ***

THE FRENCH publication, "L'ekipe", in co-operation with FIFA donated a Golden cup for the team which through the 1974 world cup series was the best behaving team. Soccer writers from all over the world had to give points to each team at the finals. The final counting was televised by the French National Station and the trophy was presented to the Polish Ambassador in France for the Polish Eleven which was voted first before Holland and Germany. ***

ALTHOUGH it's all over for Keilor-Austria and there is no hope for them to avoid relegation, the team is showing great fighting spirit and inspired by their captain-coach, Jock Goodwin, could produce a few more upsets before the season will be over. Last Saturday, Keilor caused the biggest upset of the season grabbing two points from the highly-rated Melbourne. ***

THE "All Stars" team was announced after the 1974 World Finals. Here it is: Tomaszewski, Breitner, Beckenbauer, Heredia, F. Marinho, Neeskens, Deyna, Rivelino, Lato, Mueller and Cruyff. ***

SOON you will be able to watch games at Shintler Reserve, Footscray, in comfort. Tony Kovac, JUST president, told me that Footscray City Council has decided to improve conditions at the Shintler Reserve ground but the plans had to be approved by the Melbourne City Council and the Land Development Department. It took nearly two years of negotiations between

probably a good idea in the short term but has outlived its usefulness. There should now be only one Victorian League with as many divisions as may be required. It should be open to properly organised clubs ANYWHERE IN THE STATE.

He does not believe that we are ready for a National League yet.

We have really invol-

ed Australians in the sport before that can be a success. Australians are great sportsmen and tutored by top class coaches could become the best Soccer nation on earth, but there is a long, long way to go.

Branko Trajanovski is another of the men who have done much for Soccer in Victoria and have the capacity to do much more.



ACTION SHOTS

Metropolitan First Division, Saturday August 10, 1974.

Green Gully 0 Preston 2.



Preston spearhead Ian Reid gets in a shot for goal as a Green Gully defender attempts to intervene. Goalkeeper Mick Borg moves to cover the shot.

a proposed Asian tour and it looks like Zwomir Rasic will again look after our team. The ASF is negotiating at present with Rasic and a two years renewed contract will be signed any day. ***

IN A Cup game Under 16, the Hakoah-St Kilda team beat St Albans 10-0 and again Alec Marshall was the top scorer with 7 goals. David Efron, Lou Szanto and Claude Quintones scored one each. ***

AS A result of last weekend's State League games, JUST lost a place in the four in favour of Hakoah and George Cross is getting closer to the four. ***

A COMBINED High and Technical school team will play during the school holidays in an Australian Carnival in Sydney. ***

SOCCER WEEK

OPINION

SOCCER POOLS are coming in October. This is just two months away and it is time to think now about helping to give them a lift.

Clubs will be able to benefit from pools in many ways. Firstly they will be able to make money by acting as agents. The revenue will always come in handy for a needy club and with inflation as it is, there are certainly a few clubs who could do with a helping hand at present.

Then there is the pride that all soccer followers should have - the pride that soccer pools will be a success and not the failure footy pools were when they were launched a year or so ago.

It will be in the interest of all soccer fans that Vernons soccer pools kick off on the right foot. Pools will give our game the biggest boost it has ever had in Victoria.

Any sport that has gambling attached to it is ready-made for publicity. Once Victorians start doing the pools every week they will be keen to know something about the form.

Daily newspapers will at long last recognise the round-ball game. They will no longer push it aside or bury a par or two in a corner of a page.

Ian Reid (Preston) glances a header but Green Gully centre half Mario Borg is waiting to collect the ball.



Preston attacker Billy Spiers crashes into Green Gully keeper Mick Borg, in mid air. Gully full-back Nick Kolbl watches closely but the referee awarded a free kick to Borg.

ON THE SPOT WITH LEN STONE

It now looks a certainty that George Cross will play their remaining three home games of the season at Schintler Reserve.

The matches are v Polonia on Sunday, September 1, v Hakoah Saturday, September 14 and finally against Mooroolbark Saturday, September 28.

Fitzroy United Alexander will be holding a general meeting on Sunday, August 18 at 10 am to discuss new policies, the resignation of their accomplished publicity officer Steve Williams and a number of other items.

Let's hope the meeting will achieve internal harmony and the return of Steve Williamson to the club. Probably one interesting item on the agenda is the possible move away from Olympic Park to Fitzroy Footy oval next season.

I was very impressed with the performance of referee Bernie Finnegan who expertly controlled the Fitzroy Utd v Mooroolbark game at Olympic Park last Saturday.

It looks as if he is rapidly emerging as one of our top referees in Victoria.

With Geoff Harrison, unfortunately hanging up his whistle at the end of the season, this augers well for the future. Good referees don't grow on trees.

You wouldn't credit it!

Sunshine City under 12 team have not lost a game in the last two years.

What makes it even more remarkable is the fact that their coach is Wally Mielak who plays for rival club Altona City.

Matt Patterson told me that Sunshine City are very pleased with the performances of Mick Dixey and that before coming to Australia, he played representative soccer for one of Britain's strongest junior countries, namely Leicestershire.

Some world famous players have graduated through Leicestershire junior clubs.

Still on the subject of Sunshine City, 26 year old Herb Seenan and goalie Billy Johnson age 27, have joined the 200 games club.

With such players as Mickey Bannigan, Albert Seenan and Ray Pocock already well established members of the "200 Club" they are certainly in good company.

Well, it's happened — Kazi Piotrowski has scored again — he has become the father of a bouncing baby boy — and hopefully he will follow dad's footsteps — so says everyone at Sunshine!

Look out for Mooroolbark's midfielder Alan Pongho next season.

His courageous run-

FITZROY UTD - MOOROOLBARK UTD 3-1

By LEN STONE

Fitzroy United were worried by Barkers' nippy wingers Kevin Perkins and Mike Sinclair in the first 15 minutes but once they settled down, they won comfortably enough.

Both defences had shaky periods and both sets of forwards missed sitters.

It was that sort of game — many errors, many frustrations, yet full of thrills.

Mooroolbark's indecision in front of goal in the first half robbed them of good approach work advantage and player-coach Brian Edgley was spending much of his time in mid-field.

Fitzroy's George Gillan and Mark Karapatsas missed sitters as Lou Ivanoff failed to cut off crosses from Andrew Bozikas.

At last after 44 minutes, Fitzroy Utd went ahead. Gillan centred from the left and danger-man Bozikas rose high to head the ball into the net.

The second half opened with Barry O'Toole who injured his leg being replaced by Steven Pongho in the Mooroolbark line-up.

Frank Donachie, who revelled in the heavy conditions, lobbed the ball from 30 metres past the flat footed Lou Ivanoff to give Fitzroy Utd a 2-0 lead after 54 minutes.

Only two minutes later, Mooroolbark came back when Brian Edgley hit home a great shot from 15 metres past the outstretched arms of Fitzroy keeper Gekas to make the score 2-1.

George Gillan was now coming into the game in no uncertain

Referee: Mr Bernie Finnigan.

HEAD - RINGWOOD CITY V JUVENTUS 1-2

By LEN STONE

Juventus, helped by a spectacular second half goal from Australian International Billy Vojtek, defeated Ringwood City Wilhelmina 2-1 at Jubilee Park last Sunday.

In the early stages, Ringwood had as much of the play and, in fact, were winning in mid-field but failing in front of goal.

Juventus looked more dangerous with fewer opportunities. Both sides did attack through their wingers but overdid the close passing.

Just before half-time, two Ringwood defenders miskicked one after the other, enabling the alert Sandy Irvine to gather a loose ball and smack it into the back of the net to give Juventus a 1-0 lead.

Shortly before, Juventus should have scored, but a fierce point blank range drive from Dario Epifano was brilliantly pushed for a corner by Nick Van Egmond.

The second half opened with Ringwood forcing a couple of corners but they did not amount to anything.

Brian Thom got the ball into the net but Mike Kovacek was obstructed and the goal was disallowed by the very competent referee Jim Brennan.

Juventus began to assert their superiority and Vojtek showed his class when he hammered home a tremendous shot from about 25 metres.

Juventus led 2-0 after 54 minutes. Vojtek showed what he can do if given a mere nail chance.

Then came the miss of the match which could have brought Ringwood City right back into calculation.

Speedy Phil Williamson beat two defenders, crossed for Mike Lynn who from only a short distance from an open gap to goal placed the ball on the wrong side of the post.

Referee: Jim Brennan.

ACTION SHOTS

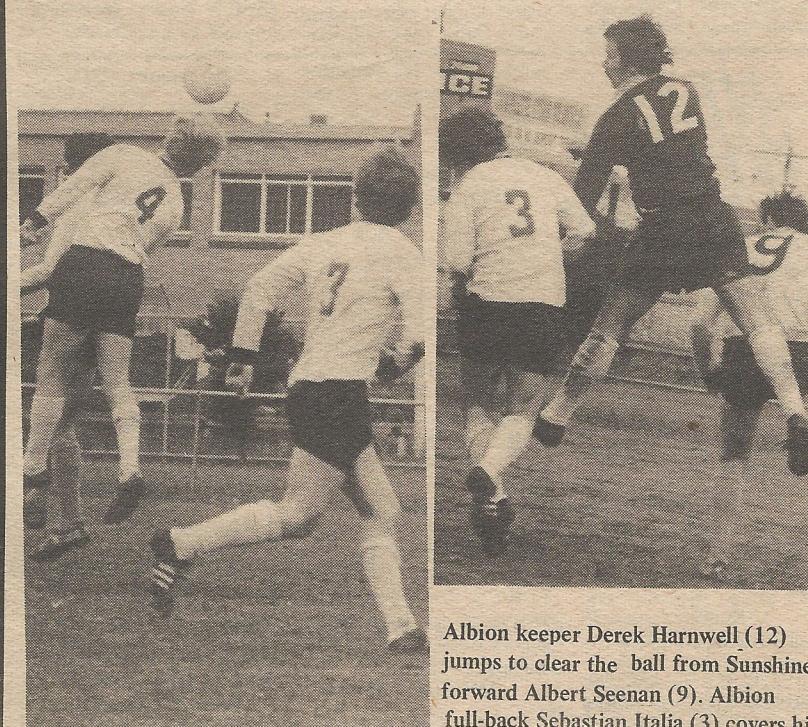
First Division Reserves battle at Gardens Reserve Saturday, August 10, 1974. Albion Rovers 0 Sunshine City 1.



Fine action shot of a mid-field tussle, involving Albion Players James Hall (on ground), Danny Holmes (right) and Sunshine player Tommy Moffat (centre).



Flying jump by Albion Rovers junior Micky Emin (7) appears to have knocked Sunshine's Peter Banagan forward and falling face down. Emin had jumped in to head the ball to a team mate.



Albion keeper Derek Harnwell (12) jumps to clear the ball from Sunshine forward Albert Seenan (9). Albion full-back Sebastian Italia (3) covers him.

Albion defender George Bryce (4) heads away from Sunshine centre forward Albert Seenan (hidden). Sebastian Italia races to cover his team mate.



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PREVIEW

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Waverley City is the only club, after 19 rounds, with its fate next season settled.

Several critical games this weekend could clarify the situation but further settled ups and downs are unlikely to occur until the following week and the list will not be complete until the very last games are played.

Games which will be cliffhangers and have great bearing on promotion and relegation are sprinkled throughout the four divisions and the Provisional League.

Sunday's game at Churchill Reserve will be a cut throat affair. Both clubs are very much in the relegation fight. Home ground advantage may just swing it St Albans away, but Box Hill are showing more spirit than at any time this season and may divide the spoils. This game is the only Sunday game in the Met., and will attract a large crowd.

Sunshine City, needing three points to be absolutely certain of State League, with a tremendous goal average advantage which could make two points enough, will probably get them next week.

They will do well to reflect that since ex Croatia coach Tony Vrzina took over five weeks ago, Lions have gained nine out of the ten points played for. This could be a danger game for Sunshine.

Another great game is the clash at Seaford Reserve, between Frankston City and Keilor City. I think Keilor will be just too good.

Altona will need to be firing on all cylinders to down Green Gully and Preston will be too good for Albion.

The remaining game is down the Latrobe Valley, where the Western Suburbs outfit should come back with full points.

Now the pressure is off at Sixth Avenue, will they relax and drop points? I think they are looking to set up new records and I think they will give the much improved North Carlton the

full treatment and return with full points.

Croydon continued their indifferent away form, last week. They are a far different proposition at Croydon Park. With promotion still very much in the balance, I can't see them giving Newport any quarter.

Ringwood United cracked it at last, when they downed Princes Park last week. With the taste of victory in their mouths and the scent of possible safety in their nostrils, I think they will win when they entertain Newport on Saturday.

Promotion aspirants Ferntree Gully visit Burnley Oval. Any side that gets anything out of Richmond on their own ground really earns it. I think Gully will do well to take home a point.

Moreland takes on Dandenong City at Campbell Reserve and this appears to be a draw all over.

Springvale will be too good for the failing Princes Park at Ross Reserve.

One of the most important games of the season will be the visit of Brighton to Bayswater. This is a tough one to forecast as both clubs are hell bent on promotion. Will the old master, Bobby by McLachlan, be able to marshal his defence to keep out the rampant Bayswater forwards? If he can, has Brighton the punch to break through to score? It could go either way, or it could break even. Whatever the result, it will be worth going a long way to see. Soccer Week's camera will be there.

Coburg will, as always, pressure Park Rangers all the way, but the Middle Park boys are keen to have Second Division Soccer next season and I think they will win

comfortably.

Essendon City go down Geelong way and should have little difficulty in beating Corio.

Eltham showed flashes of early season brilliance against Corio and then relaxed. They should be too good for Caulfield.

Doveton meet Heidelberg and here again, home ground advantage should give Doveton the points.

Chelsea never enjoy their country trip to Ballarat and I don't think Saturday will be an exception.

Ballarat must win this one if they are to escape the drop — and I think they can.

Another game of immense importance is the meeting of Bell Park and East Melbourne at Geelong.

Both sides are playing top class Soccer and there will be very little to spare either way. I favour Bell Park, if only for the fact that the game is a home fixture.

The other promotion candidates, Clayton and Broadmeadows City, should win. Broadmeadows' job at Donvale Reserve is appreciably harder than Clayton's, who entertain bottom side Rosebud. The two universities are away to lowly clubs and both should be victorious. The remaining game, at Fawkner Park, is evenly balanced. South Yarra and Moorabbin could share the points.

Two cracking games in the Provisional see the meetings of championship chasing clubs.

Geelong have another danger game when they visit Fawkner. They will do well to win this one. I think a draw is more likely.

Second top wide Werribee take on third top side Moreland Falcons. This will be a beauty which I think Werribee will win narrowly. Nunawading, Frankston Pines and Langwarrin should win their games, but the Hamlyn, South Dandenong battle could end even.

Another great weekend's sport which really will have the crowds rolling in, and there will be many pulse racing, nail biting encounters to thrill those fortunate enough to be present.

17th August 1974.

Werribee v Moreland Falcons. Carlton v Langwarrin. Hamlyn Rangers v South Dandenong. Fawkner v Geelong. Frankston Pines v Central Altona. Nunawading v Melton.

DISTRICT LEAGUE

Sunday

18th August 1974.

St. Albans v Box Hill.

DIVISION II

North Carlton v Waverley City. Richmond v Ferntree Gully. Moreland v Dandenong City. Springvale City v Princes Park. Ringwood Utd. v Prahran City. Croydon City v Newport.

DIVISION III

Park Rangers v Coburg. Caulfield City v Eltham. Corio v Essendon City. Doveton v Heidelberg. Bayswater v Brighton. Ballarat v Chelsea.

DIVISION IV

Clayton v Rosebud. South Yarra v Moorabbin. Bell Park v East Melbourne. Doncaster Rovers v Broadmeadows City. Sandringham City v Univ. of Melbourne. Mornington v Monash University.

DIVISION 1

Frankston City v Keilor City. Altona City v Green Gully. Preston v

METROPOLITAN ROUNDUP

with
GEORGE YELLAND

Congratulations to

Waverley City

For the first time in the club's brief, eleven years existence, First Division status has been won.

At Sixth Avenue, last Saturday, they narrowly defeated Richmond, to collect the two points necessary to give them promotion AND the Second Division pennant.

Much credit must go to ex Footscray star, David Fearn, for the team's performances on the field of play. As player, coach, he has inspired and guided them in a manner calculated to bring out the best in them.

The team has been solidly backed by a committee which has acted in a very professional manner and the club fully deserves the success that has come its way.

Waverley's junior set-up is second to none in Victoria and they are developing a reservoir of potential talent that should take them to even bigger and better things in the future.

Waverley City commenced operating in the Metropolitan League Fourth Division, in 1963. They won the championship at the first attempt.

They stayed in Division Three until 1967, when, as runners up to Keilor City, they moved a stage higher. Since then, they have had a series of indifferent seasons, often promising much, only to fade out as the season wore on. In fact, they never finished above seventh position, until this year; Now they have achieved a high honor and the stage is set for bigger and better things in the future.

Men who have had much to do with Waverley's success on the field, are steady and reliable pivot; Ted Quy, ace goal poacher Sammy Jordan and speedy goal scoring winger Peter Whitehurst.

New ball playing artist Eddie Smith, Dick Smart, Dave Russell and of course, David Fearn, but they would be the first to claim that it was team work, not individualism that has brought success.

Sunshine City's victory at Selwyn Park and Altona's defeat at Churchill Reserve gave the Gardens Reserve boys an almost certain ticket to State League, although Sunshine will not accept that until it is a statistical fact.

Mathematically they need three points from the remaining three games. I see no problem for them. They are, undoubtedly the best equipped club in the First Division. They have a fanatical desire for the flag and they play non stop go-ahead soccer. Team spirit, determination and a professional approach by their committee, all add up to one thing as far as I am concerned. Sunshine will operate in State League next season and the Met will be a little poorer for losing them.

For years, Sunshine City have been a warning to State League clubs, that the Met was no longer a paddock competition but an increasingly well organised set-up, advancing by leaps and bounds every year. There are other clubs in the Met building along similar, efficient lines, but Sunshine's elevation will take a little of the com-

petition's glamour with them.

The way Sunshine disposed of Albion Rovers (a more than useful outfit), emphasised their right to hold top position in the League.

Box Hill, making a brave late run to avoid the drop, visited and held Western Suburbs to a draw, and this without four first team regulars. Essendon Lions continued their successful run with a 5-0 thrashing of luckless Yallourn.

Altona City have kept the pressure on Sunshine for most of the season, but Saturday's defeat by powerful Keilor City, blew any faint hope they may have had of overtaking them. Saturday's remaining match in the top division saw late Preston pressure topple Green Gully, at St. Albans.

Down at Seaford Reserve, on Sunday, St. Albans faced Frankston in a battle that was of tremendous importance to the visitors. They fought hard and were a trifle unlucky not to salvage a point, but they found Billy Papoutsakis in tremendous form in the Frankston goal. A David High goal did the job for the home side.

Second Division fixtures took a battering, resulting from the heavy rain which fell in the previous week, on pitches already waterlogged.

Dandenong v Springvale and Ferntree Gully v Moreland were postponed, as were the reserves games.

Match of the day in this division was at North Carlton, where visitors Croydon City were desperate for victory, to maintain their narrow advantage in the promotion race. They only managed a high scoring draw, emphasising once again, the need for tightening in defence. Ferntree Gully trail them by two points but have Saturday's postponed game in hand. What a finish it's going to be for the second promotion spot.

Prahran City's victory over Newport, at Como Park, thrust the Western club into deep trouble, which Ringwood United's meritorious win at Princes Park, did nothing to alleviate. The complex fight to avoid relegation is going to maintain the interest and excitement in Division Two, until the final round.

As I forecast, all top four clubs in Division Three won and the position is still as complicated and tense as it was the previous week. What a fantastic competition this has been, all season.

Coburg also won, which gave maximum points to the top five clubs. After their best 45 minutes for several weeks, Eltham failed to go on with it in the second half and dropped yet another point to lowly Corio. This game was played at the High School, because of the poor state of Lower Eltham Park and the reserves game was postponed.

Ballarat and Caulfield City lost and the bottom three places are separated by only one point. Which side will be lucky and avoid the drop?

Bell Park, East Melbourne and Broadmeadows City all won in Fourth Division and Clayton's home game with Mornington was abandoned at half-time and will have to be replayed, so the promotion issue is still as obscure as ever, in this department.

At the bottom, Rosebud and South Yarra

fought out a scoreless draw, in front of a sizeable crowd. It is looking more and more like a two way struggle between Sandringham and Rosebud, for the wooden spoon.

Monash scored the only goal at Princes Park, in the universities duel and proved once more what valuable guidance they have received from Jack Roessler.

Provisional League has altered markedly from the one horse race it appeared to be, only a few short weeks ago.

Geelong failed again, this time at home, but the big question arises. Has the strain of heading the table for so long, now begun to tell, and can Geelong last out to take the flag?

Two tremendous games, on Saturday, at Fawkner and Werribee, could produce the answer. If Geelong can

overcome the big hurdle at Fawkner, they can still win the championship, but it is a big if.

Werribee, in full flight and bursting with confidence, may prove too good for Latrobe visitors Morwell Falcons.

Should this happen, the fat will really be in the fire. There is no doubt that both games will attract big crowds and be nerve shattering encounters. Werribee knocked the stuffing out of improving Nunawading, by three clear goals, but Morwell had to fight all the way to down bottom side Carlton by the odd goal in five. Central Altona obliterated Melton to the tune of nine goals without reply.

Fawkner turned on a second half six goal blitz to demolish South Dandenong, in the eastern city and Langwarrin had a good win at Hamlyn's expense.

RESULTS

UNDER 14

PENINSULA REGION RESULTS WEEKENDING AUGUST 11th

UNDER 9

Doveton v Karingal 0-5. Overport v Seaford 5-0. Peninsula v F/Pines 0-4.

UNDER 15

Overport v Karingal 0-6. Peninsula v Seaford 0-2. Moorabbin v Nunawading (P/P).

UNDER 16

Springvale v Chelsea (W/over to S/vale). Karingal v Moorabbin 0-2. Bayswater v Doveton 3-2. Caulfield City v Dandenong City 3-1.

No league results available for under 8, 11, and 13 groups as no games were played, due to cup commitments.



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WOMEN'S SOCCER

By FRED HABBE

BETTY FINDS HER SCORING BOOTS

When Greensborough wins by a high margin it's usually Shona Bass, Andrea Martin and to a lesser degree, Sandra Kemp, who account for the goals. One player who gets the mentions for missing them rather than scoring any, has been Betty Hoar, the captain-coach of the 'Borough side.

Looks like Betty did her home work after coping heavy criticism recently for missing several "sitters" in a vital match. In Sunday's 7-0 thrashing of lowly Albion Rovers, Betty booted the Lion's share of the goals, in fact, she scored a hat-trick. Pity Betty's efforts come so late. A few weeks earlier and she would have certainly made an impression on the State selectors.

Andrea Martin (2), Shona Bass and Sandra Kemp scored the rest against the Rovers.

'GULLY SCRAMBLES HOME

In a generally disappointing match at Green Gully the home side scraped to a narrow 1-0 victory over Werribee. The general apathy seemed to have even gripped Gully ace Hazel Donovan who missed open goals.

Hazel, however, did her share as she netted the only goal on the day which gave Green Gully two vital points. The hosts will need to improve by miles if a defeat against leaders Melton next Sunday is to be avoided, and just that is what rivals Greensborough are hoping for. A Green Gully loss to Melton next week and 'Borough would only need a draw in their last game against Green Gully on August 25 to secure a place in the finals.

JEANNETTE GOT THE PENALTY JITTERS

Jeannette Melvin, the outstanding player in crack team Melton and among the best girls in the state can't kick pen-

alties. Although she hardly misses any at training she gets the great jitters when the pressure is on.

Unbelievably Jeannette missed three spot-kicks against Broadmeadows last Sunday. Strangely enough she rammed in four field goals out of her side's total tally of seven. Whatever the reason for Jeannette's peculiar hang-up two team-mates will be concentrating next week at training on the execution of penalty kicks to provide relief for Jeannette's worrisome "Penalty nerves".

Ann Bell, Coleen and Bronwyn Phillips and Lesley Brett were in good form against Broadmeadows. Christine Holmes and Janina Szalanda who was switched from goals to full-back earned best marks for the losers.

Despite the annihilating final score Broadmeadows gave Melton a good run for their money during the greater part of the game. Trailing by only one goal at half-time the match was far from over and Melton had their chances. The visitors finally collapsed in the latter part of the

game to cop several quick goals.

STATE SQUAD ALMOST FINALIZED

State coach, Ray Langdale, announced his final squad for the interstate series to be held in Sydney at the end of this month. Selected were:

Hazel Donovan, Dorothy Abela, Anna Justrista and Rose Sammut (all Green Gully); Jeannette Melvin, Ann Bell and Kay Morley (all Melton); Shona Bass and Andrea Martin (both Greensborough); Sue Parker (Werribee); Christine Holmes (Broadmeadows); Bev Hubbard and Karen Hume (both Doveton); Sandra Sheedy, and Gordana Zaharin (both Bayswater); Josie Jansen (Dandenong).

Emergency standbys are: Ruza Dunning (Bayswater); Eha Maenits (Albion Rovers). The squad will be fielded against an Under 15 side from Green Gully next Saturday.

It is expected that the standard of the NSW players is considerably above the rest of Australia and, on information at hand, it appears that the Victorian girls will have trouble against the far more experienced NSW team. However, wins should be expected against Western Australia, Queensland and Northern NSW. A second placing at the end of the series would be a tremendous success for the Victorian girls in the first ever organised year.

The squad will leave for Sydney on August 29, and is expected to return to Melbourne on September 4. Final details are to be announced later.

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The tremendous support given by Ford plant manager Don Deveson to his team, made the impossible possible when the Falcons stormed to a clear 2-0 victory over the Repco Wolves from Patons Brakes at the Ford ground before a crowd of 500 last Sunday, to be the first ever 3rd division club to reach the final of the ADIDAS Cup.

A fatal blunder by PBR keeper Steve Robson pushed Falcons 1-0 up. Robson fumbled a ball to let it drop on to Dushko Gvozdic's boot. Only a few feet away from the goal-line Dushko just popped the ball in. Richard Cooke hammered in the second.

In vain was the howling of the Wolves. Their hopes were crushed but their spirits should remain high. The side played well and gave a tremendous account of determination and sportsmanship. But there is only one winner and on the day the Falcons deserved to fly off with the honors.

For the winners it was champagne in the dressing rooms and dinner for the whole team in one of the best restaurants in town which Don Deveson had promised in the event of a win and Don stuck to his promise.

For the Falcons the next stage of their flight is Middle Park Stadium where they will meet the winner of the other semi final for the 1974 Final of the ADIDAS Cup, namely Ericsson.

A first class performance by referee Bernie Finnegan topped off what was a fine spectacle of football.

ERICSSON NOT TO STOP

A new strip, a more professional approach, coolness under pressure and timely scoring bolted Ericsson into the ADIDAS Cup final when scoring a sound 3-1 victory over the ambitious, talented but yet too inexperienced side of VRI during the 2nd match of the double header semi-final at Broadmeadows.

Despite two of the Ericsson goals resulting from blunders in the VRI defence — they were in fact absolutely flukes — the Blue-Yellows deserved their win. The Sleepers coped two goals both of which must have been heartbreaking not only to the young players themselves but also to their supporters. The first goal came from a harmless appearing situation. A long ball down the left wing by Ericsson, meant for their left winger went too far and seemed to be an easy pick-up for Railway keeper Paul Webster. But to the horror of his team and the spectators Webster slipped on his way to meet the ball. Ericsson's Dimitrios Gioannis came in to collect the ball, and despite desperate attempts by both Webster and Steve Tanner Gioannis pushed the ball over the line to put Ericsson one up.

This unlucky goal seemed to deflate the whole Railway side. Now Ericsson was allowed to mount one attack after another with the Sleepers defending half-heartedly. An exception was only half-back Peter Crowe who battled dynamically but in vain.

Particularly Dousan Knezevic as special watchdog on PBR top goalscorer Eric Toombs was in full command despite a desperately trying Eric.

In the 29th minute of the 2nd half the Falcons sealed the game after a

copy book combination gave winger Richard Cooke the opportunity to slam the ball past Robson for the 2-0 end-result.

From here on the outcome of the game appeared to be a foregone conclusion. But somehow the Sleepers picked themselves up from the floor and gradually got their own game going. Brian King and Lou Bzenic up front combined to create opportunities. But although shaky the Ericsson defence held out.

In the 2nd match of the "Double Header", Ericsson coasted to a sound 3-1 win over VRI despite two fluky goals in the 1st half. Giannos (2) and Nicolaides scored for the winners. Lou Bzenic slammed in the VRI consolation goal.

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thusiastic bunch of players.

GREAT THINGS AHEAD FOR YOUNG BRIAN

Brian Keenan, 11 year old soccer playing offspring of well known former Scottish 2nd division professional, Joe Keenan, has the limelight of soccer for grabs. The young winger with a natural left foot who plays for the Springvale Under 13's has just been selected to represent Victoria at the interstate carnival in Canberra later this month.

Brian will play on the left wing for the state Under 12's. Father Joe who these days is in charge of and plays for the Wills soccer team in 3rd division Industrial League after having played several years for Hakoah and of late Brighton, tells me that Brian is so dedicated to the code that he just isn't interested in anything else besides his school-work. Here's hope that we will hear a lot of Brian Keenan in years to come.

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Broadmeadows complex tells me that he ordered the bulldozers to rip up his ground. Don't worry the Falcons won't be without a ground. In fact it's the opposite way round. According to Mr Deveson a complete system of drainage pipes will be laid to ensure that the Falcons will be playing on Victoria's best pitch next season. And I thought the ground was already the best in the MISL.

Talking about Ford Falcons. Anybody noticed those high-intensity floodlights on top of the Assembly plant adjacent to Falcons' ground? Another contribution of Don Deveson to illuminate the training area at the top end of the pitch. Cost of the installation: \$2,000.00!!

Ford's example seems to catch on. Lysaght in Hastings are looking ahead to great things. The company has given approval to a modern sports complex in Hastings, including a first class soccer pitch, modern dressing and shower facilities as well as floodlights for training purposes. Lysaght secretary Charlie Smith tells me the project is expected to be completed early next year and the new high standard pitch should be available next season.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

In the forthcoming season the player registration methods will be changing. We will be seeing professional (non-amateur) players and amateur players. This means contracts, money and all their related problems.

Professionalism for players can only raise the standard of the game, but with this the clubs must become aware that they have to be more professional in their administration. Advantage must be taken of qualified or experienced club members or other persons to strengthen this aspect.

Professionalism extends even beyond administration and playing; presentation of the game is equally important, showmanship of some form needs to be considered.

"Pipes playing, drums banging, kilts swirling, the band led the two teams into the arena. Brilliant in their colors, the teams lined up facing the noisy crowd. The VIP was introduced and shook hands with the players, a brief word with the referee and linesmen, a special word of praise to the happy ball boys, and then the teams were off to their goal areas for a warmup. The band marched off playing, and through the crowd the excitement grew. All within the ground were keyed up

ready for THE game."

Sounds like a report from the World Cup at Munich! — but in fact this took place at North Seaford last Sunday for Frankston City's game against Preston. It is this sort of thing that is meant when I write about presenting the game. Spectators on that day saw two games, 14 goals, were entertained by the band before the game and at halftime, for only 80 cents (what a bargain) and how they enjoyed it all despite Frankston losing both games.

I am not suggesting that pipe bands should be playing at all grounds every week, indeed we have other plans at Frankston and it is surprising how willing other bodies are prepared to put on a bit of a show to advertise themselves. Think about it.

Reverting to professional players and registration, it seems imperative to me that a retained list of not more than 15 players per team be issued by each club at the end of next season. Also, clubs should issue an open for transfer list as well as a free released list.

Finally, as we now have amateurs, why not a State-wide Amateur Cup competition?

Peter Goss

hold his opinions.

From the viewpoint of soccer, and its officials, his stories caused more comment about the sport than I have heard before for anything except the VFL Grand Final and Melbourne Cup.

Surely, in the long run, this and the performances of our team overseas can do nothing but boost the game.

It is this kind of talk that has kept me up very late watching, and enjoying, direct telecasts from Germany.

Sincerely,

Peter Banfield

Recently we published in full a letter written by John d'Andrea, Secretary of Juventus Soccer Club complaining about the anti-soccer stories written by Lou Richards and published in the Melbourne Sun:

Here is the reply Mr d'Andrea received from the paper's Sports Editor:

Dear Mr d'Andrea,

Thank you for your letter and comments on Lou Richards.

He was expressing a personal view — since answered in The Sun by Jim Barker — and I feel he is entitled to

Dear Sir,

These are a few items of news about our team that may be of use to you in your soccer column.

Season 1973: After starting off at the bottom of the league, we finished this season off with becoming Regional cup winners.

After being allocated to another region for the 1974 season we find that we are once again champions without any dispute, being unbeaten in the league (6) points ahead, and at the present standing an achievement of (87) goals for, with 3 against, these are league games only.

Dear Sir,

Although still in its infancy Junior Soccer here is making great progress.

This year U/10, U/12 and U/14 play regularly every Saturday morning, while Corio has an U/15 playing in Melbourne competition.

Geelong, Barwon, Bell Park and Hamlyn Rangers each have U/16 playing in Melbourne competition.

Last year the U/10 League was just a pipe-dream but 1974 saw seven teams emerge — Corio A winning the League and Cup, going through undefeated.

The U/12 League has grown from five teams to seven and Corio A again look like taking the honours.

The U/14 is probably the League with the most significance. Last year seven teams, this year ten. The biggest breakthrough yet, is a school playing regular competition. The school being Chanel College. Next year they are including an U/12 team.

Corio Soccer Club still

have the biggest Junior commitment, fielding six teams.

Newly formed Barwon Club field five Junior teams and are ably administered by former referee Jack French and current referee Dennis Wootten.

Former English Grade I referee, Graeme Broughton and his wife Jean, form a great team in administering the League affairs, and also run the Alcoa U/14 team.

High riding Provisional League Club, Geelong, with both Senior teams on top of their Leagues, also have U/16 and U/14 on top of their Leagues.

Most clubs are now enjoying improved facilities with most having two grounds. With Senior clubs fully committed to Metropolitan competition, the role of the Junior is now playing a very important part if Geelong is to have a club playing in the top competitions.

Yours faithfully,

RUSSELL BUTLER

VERNON POOLS ARE COMING
BE IN TO WIN!!!

Dear Sir,

My team has quite an impressive record this season, I have listed their achievements below.

1. We play in the U/16 competition yet our team is made up from U/15 and two U/14 boys.

2. We are currently top of the league, we have two games in hand. We are undefeated in the league.

3. We are undefeated so far this year, having played 24 games.

4. We have already won, this season, the Altona cup U/15 and the Melbourne U/16 Cup.

5. So far this season we have scored 156 goals.

6. We have reached the quarter finals of the JLMC Cup, which is the major cup trophy in this State.

7. We have two boys picked to play against the English schoolboys in Sydney Au-

gust 10, and they are with the first juniors to represent Australia.

8. We have eight boys in the Victoria U/15 squad and two boys in the U/14 Victorian squad.

9. Every boy in my squad of colts has scored goals, a feat in itself, with five boys having reached double figures.

Sean Rooney (39), Garry Greenwald (31), Stewart Fowler (28), Tom O'Halloran (19) and Colin Allison (13) with many more goals to come this season.

10. We have had a total of 12 boys picked in regional trials this season.

I would be most grateful for any help you can accord us and would like to thank you on behalf of the boys in anticipation.

Bill Allison (Coach),
Leif Jensen (Secretary)

Dear Sir,

I agree with those who say that the public relations side of the game is very lacking in pace.

For a start, I suggest that each club stick to one set of colours and not chop and change every so often. How would it be if teams like Leeds or Celtic changed from their traditional colours every other week?

But this in fact is what South Melbourne Hellas did in a short space of two months — they have used 3 colour strips white (v Mooroolbark), blue (v Juventus) and striped shirts (v Hakoah).

It might not be good to make comparisons, but for Australia to improve its soccer standards it's got to follow the examples of the professionals until we reach their standards.

Emphasis should be made on familiarising the game by giving the players one image — to get the people to know them as much as they know the stars in a TV serial.

Yours in Sport
Peter Paul Desira,
Albert Park

RESULTS

JLMC RESULTS —
DANDENONGS LEAGUES
WEEKEND 3/4 AUGUST

UNDER 7

Ring City v Bayswater 2-0. Nunawading v Croydon 1-1. Doncaster v Bayswater 'B' 7-0. Doveton v Ring City 'B' 1-1. Clayton v Seaford 3-0. Overport v Peninsula 1-0.

UNDER 8

Doncaster A v Box Hill 1-0. Rosanna v Mooroolbark 0-3. Bayswater v Doncaster 'B' 3-0. Ring City 'B' v Bayswater 'B' 0-1. Waverley v Nunawading 0-3. Croydon v Ring City 'A' 1-1.

UNDER 9

Bayswater v Box Hill 0-0. Monbulk v Croydon 0-10. Doncaster v Box Hill 'B' 3-0. Mooroolbark v Ring City P/P. Nunawading v Waverley 1-3.

UNDER 10

Doncaster v Bayswater 'A' 0-6. Croydon v Box Hill 1-3. Bayswater 'B' v Ring City P/P. Nunawading 'A' v Ring Utd 3-0. F.T. Gully v Waverley P/P. Mooroolbark v Nunawading 'A' P/P.

UNDER 11 EAST

Doncaster v Dandenong Nth 6-0. Waverley v F.T. Gully 2-1. Nunawading v Dandenong City 9-0. Monbulk v Clayton 0-2.

UNDER 11 WEST

Box Hill v Nunawading

1-0. Mooroolbark v Bayswater P/P. Doncaster v Croydon 2-1. Ring City v Waverley 0-4. Ringwood Utd v Mitcham 7-0.

UNDER 12 EAST

Ringwood Utd v Monbulk 0-0. Croydon v Nunawading 0-2. Bayswater v Ring City 2-3.

Mooroolbark v Mitcham P/P. Doncaster v Springvale 4-1. Waverley v Heidelberg 7-0.

UNDER 12 WEST

Greensborough v Box Hill 0-0. W.H. Moreland v Rosanna 0-9. Waverley v Eltham 7-1. Nunawading v Melbourne 5-1. Bayswater v Doncaster P/P.

UNDER 13

ACTION SHOTS



Great action shot at Green Gully by Soccer Week photographer Graham Tie. He captures Gully keeper Mick Borg fist the ball away with Phillip Howard, (Green Gully), Ian Reid hidden and Billy Spiers of Preston clustered round him in mid air. Hands on hips, Billy McIntyre of Preston watches the action.



Billy McIntyre of Preston watches the ball into goal (ball near left elbow) as he scores his sides second goal at Green Gully. Goalkeeper Mick Borg and a Gully defender are far too late in trying to scramble back to save.

UNDER 14

Doncaster v Box Hill 0-1. F.T. Gully v Bayswater P/P. Nunawading v Croydon 11-0. Ring City v Mitcham P/P. Mooroolbark v Waverley P/P.

UNDER 15

F.T. Gully v Nunawading P/P. Eltham v Croydon 4-1. Box Hill v Rosanna 1-0. Waverley v Mooroolbark 1-5. Monbulk v Doncaster 0-12. Greensborough — walk over win.

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SOCCER POOLS WILL BE EASY!

By JOHN MARTIN

VERNONS, the big British company who will launch soccer pools for the first time in Melbourne next October, have promised they will not be complicated.

They are hoping to capture the big market here by encouraging Australians to take part.

There is already a big market to be gained because there are 750,000 British migrants living in Victoria and all of them have heard of Vernons from their native homeland. Many of them in fact still take part and send their coupons weekly to Liverpool, in England.

But the Vernons company which is being set up in Melbourne wants to educate the Australian how to play the pools rather than gamble on them.

A Vernons official said last week "it won't be so much of a gamble but a game". In other words, they want to introduce a new betting game to the Australian.

He has already had one experience in footy pools which was a hopeless failure because of the small dividends and the fact that the footy pools could never work on six VFL games. It was impossible to tell the VFL this because they were too pig-headed at the

ENGLISH BOYS TOO GOOD

By JOHN MARTIN

THE touring English schoolboys team proved they are a few light years ahead of Australia when they won 2-0 over our boys in Sydney on Saturday.

The Sydney sports ground had 11,000 fans watching our lads go down fighting. The Aussies had to rely on a reasonable amount of good fortune to keep the score down to only one goal against the English lads by half time.

England showed their class from the kick off, going close to scoring in the forth minute. A sound run by Martin Patching laid on a shot for George Bailey which sailed just over the Australian goal.

If not in the same class, the Australians made up what they lacked with enthusiasm and two minutes later had a chance to open the scoring.

John Jacob and Peter Beach combined well to open the English defence down the left flank, but Beach's cross failed to find his forwards.

The ball was scram-

SOCCER POOLS ARE THE IN THING

Vernons Victorian headquarters will be busier than a beehive preparing for the official launching early October.

The changes in the coupons should simplify the type of entry.

Hot favourite will be a treble chance permutation, ranging from say, any eight from eleven selections up to any eight from sixteen selections, but until the official final decision is made we can only guess.

The stake per coupon is likely to have a minimum of under 50 cents, to cater for the individual, whilst eight out of sixteen selections could be ideal for groups of friends to have a dollar on with maximum cover.

The stake per line of eight matches could be a minimum of a quarter cent.

With eight draws on your list you must win a first dividend, and seven draws must win seven second dividends.

Provision could be made for five dividends, so even with six draws a host of minor dividends are possible.

The full cover perms make for easier checking.

One most important point should not be overlooked.

Competitors must be over eighteen years of age, as legally they are NOT entitled to compete or win prize money if under that age.

More next week to make you conversant with the clubs who take the leading part in your Weekly Pool Perm Parade.

SOCCER LAWS QUIZ

How well do you know the laws?? Each week we will test your knowledge and give the answers in

the following edition.

1. A defender takes a goal kick. The ball rebounds from the referee over the goal line. What decision would the referee make?
2. At a throw-in the thrower throws the ball (a) directly into the opponents' goal (b) directly into his own goal. What would be the correct decision in each case?
3. After 10 minutes play the referee notices that one side has 12 players! What decision is correct?
4. A defender handles the ball in the penalty

SCHOOL BOYS INTERNATIONAL MATCH

ENGLAND 2 VS AUSTRALIA 0

This was the first International match between these countries and there was not a mention in the Sunday papers by our Soccer writers. Why not?

Soccer can only improve in this country with the promotion of Juniors.

So, FAIR GO in the future for our Juniors.

We at Soccer Week would be interested in any information that we can get to do with Junior Soccer. Special Events 51.6333 Peter Crowley or send to Soccer Week, 3 High Street, Prahran.

POOLS RESULTS

Results of Saturday's English and Scottish football matches were:

Football Association Charity Shield (at Wembley): Leeds United 1 Liverpool 1 (Liverpool won 6-5 on penalties).

TEXACO CUP

Birmingham City 3 Norwich City 1; Carlisle United 0; Sunderland 0; Manchester City 2; Oldham Athletic 1; Newcastle United 4; Middlesbrough 0; Orient 2; Luton Town 2; Peterborough United 2; West Bromwich Albion 1; Sheffield United 1; Blackpool 2; Southampton 2; West Ham United 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Aberdeen 0; Hearts 1; Airdrieonians 4; Clydebank 1; Alloa 1; East Fife 2; Brechin City 2; Stenhousemuir 2; Celtic 2; Motherwell 1; Dumbarton 2; Clyde 3; Dundee United 3; Ayr United 1; Dunfermline Athletic 1; Morton 1; Falkirk 4; Cowdenbeath 0; Forfar Athletic 3; East Stirling 3; Hamilton Academicals 4; Berwick Rangers 0; Hibernian 3; Rangers 1; Kilmarnock 2; Montrose 0; Partick Thistle 4; Arbroath 0; Queens Park 0; Stranraer 0; Raith Rovers 1; Queen of the South 1; St. Johnstone 2; Dundee 1; St. Mirren 3; Stirling Albion 2.

BELOW: Hammond plays against Zorana of Juventus in the Hakoah v Juventus match.



BELOW: Mandavis (Hakoah) chases the ball after heading it away from Kazi of J.U.S.T.



SOCCER WEEK PREVIEW

by JOHN MARTIN

WHAT a sensational weekend of State League soccer! Bottom team Keilor Austria making a last minute bid to save relegation by beating Melbourne and Hakoah regaining their old strength to beat Footscray JUST!

To top it off, George Cross saved themselves from defeat at Footscray Road when substitute player Barry Webb scored the equaliser over Hellas in the last seconds of the game!

But what do we have in store for the forthcoming weekend where the match of the round looks like being between Hellas and JUST at Middle Park on Sunday.

Was it a fluke that Hakoah beat JUST last week or has the mighty Footscray side collapsed on the run home for championship honors? We'll find out on Sunday because Hellas are now playing like real champions — a team in the running to beat the best in the land.

Hellas coach Johnny Margarites said his team had to beat George Cross to make it safe for the 1974 championship. I think his team has to beat the eleven JUST men on Sunday to be sure of this honor.

JUST are unpredictable. They play a good game one week and a poor one the next. My namesake can be relied upon to make all the running up front — like he did against Hakoah on Sunday — but what has happened to Socceroo Branko Buljevic and teammate Dan Zoraja? What has stopped them from firing at a time when their committee and supporters are looking forward to big things in the final rounds of the competition?

Hellas will make mincemeat of the JUST defence if they get going on their home ground on Sunday. Savage, Necvoglod, Armstrong and Kokkinos are in great form in attack and Johnny Bedford and Steve Walker backed up by Ian Marshall (still one of the finest ball players in Victoria) and Peter Bourne, will put pressure on the Footscray side from the start.

The trouble with Hellas — like all our clubs — is that they cannot maintain the pressure for 90 minutes. Hellas failed to



Billy Rae (Alton Rovers) appears to be hypnotised by the ball, as he moves to bring it under control, with George Maikousis of Sunshine in close attendance.

ball. What action should the referee take?

more games in the Victorian side.

Best Saturday game should be at Olympic Park between Slavia and Fitzroy United. The last time these two met Slavia won 1-0 but we don't expect the same result this time. Slavia have collapsed. They still have their fine defence but there is nothing up front.

Unless coach Johnny Sanchez can find the answer to his ailing team within a day or two they can kiss this game goodbye. Alexander have come great again at the right time. They are still in the running for championship honors — three points behind leaders Hellas — and they are hoping for a slip up. One defeat for Hellas would make the last few rounds very interesting, very interesting indeed.

Frank Donachie, George Gillan and Ian Gibson make a great striking spearhead for Fitzroy. They had plenty of experience on the Park mud heap against Mooroolbark last week. Enough in fact to give them the know-how over Slavia this Saturday.

With Ringwood City on the improve they could take the points from a struggling Melbourne at Middle Park on Saturday. Much will depend on coach Alistair Scott and Joe Szabo the two hardest workers in the Melbourne side. It's a pity Steve Bleskany is missing from Melbourne. This game is made for him.

Mooroolbark played their strongest team against Fitzroy last week but it wasn't strong enough. They will have to do much better against Hakoah St Kilda at Esther Park on Saturday now that Mike Mandalis and Ken Wheeler have found their old shooting boots.

For the Barkers, the Pongho brothers are performing well and so too is Terry Lane. But goalie Lou Ivanhoff is still not at home in the Barkers' net. He is making too many mistakes when more concentration is required. Win or lose, Mooroolbark need not worry about returning to Metropolitan soccer — well, at least not this season.

VERNONS POOLS ARE COMING!

GEORGE YELLAND GEORGE YELLAND

REPORTS

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There is no doubt that tremendous enthusiasm, good football and fine organisation exist in the Provisional League, and the sooner the VSF reorganises its thinking AND constitution, to allow entry into a Victorian League of clubs like Geelong, Werribee, Fawkner, Frankston Pines etc, who have grounds, facilities and support, far better than many Metropolitan and some State League clubs, the better for the game here.

In the Reserves Division of Metropolitan and Provisional Leagues, there are some terrific contests going on. A glance at the various ladders, highlight the truism that a strong senior team requires strong reserves. Sunshine City, like Moorabbin last year, seem set for premiership flags in both seniors and reserves. Second placed Altona also hold second place on the reserves ladder.

Top two in Second Division, also hold top two spots in the reserves. Bayswater, Park Rangers and Brighton, top three in Third Division, currently hold three of the top four spots in the Reserves League. Clayton and Broadmeadows have the best records of the top four clubs in Division Four, a factor that could help in the seniors run home. Perhaps the most intriguing setup in reserve circles, is the situation at the top of the Provisional League Reserves ladder.

Morwell, Geelong, Melton and Langwarrin could all take out the flag. At this stage, Morwell have a slight advantage, but the remaining games will be fraught with drama. We are inclined to overlook reserves competitions but there are at least as many reserves players who need and look for the interest and support of Soccer followers and should be given it. Particularly up and coming youngsters, and there are plenty of them in Victoria, need to feel that they matter and that their progress is of very material consequence in the development of our game.

FIRST DIVISION

Western Suburbs 1
Box Hill 1.

Box Hill entered this game with the handicap of four first team regulars being unavailable. Don Brownlie, Sean Kerney, Merv Samuels and David Williamson were out with illness and injuries, yet their substitutes played so effectively that, on balance, they had more of the play than their hosts. Two young players to take the eye were Andy Minton and 16 year old Gregor McCaskie.

The game was largely defence dominated and headed for a goalless draw when, with five minutes to go, Suburbs found a chink in Box Hill's rearguard and took the lead.

Straight from the restart, McCaskie evened things for the visitors and the game ended one all.

Minton, in his first senior game, was the outstanding player for Box Hill. Overall it was a

scrappy game, due in no small measure to the poor playing surface.

Keilor City 2 Altona City 1.

In an even first half, Keilor took the lead as a result of an unfortunate own goal, after 20 minutes play.

Hans Van De Poel had made a spectacular save from a Keilor forward and as the ball ran across the face of goal, David Lord made a valiant attempt to clear with the wrong foot, but the ball skidded off his boot, into his own net.

Ten minutes later, the visitors were unlucky when a Nat Little shot beat the keeper, but was kicked off the line.

Altona turned on the pressure in the second half and with 15 minutes to go, Little crashed a great drive into the top lefthand corner of the net. Keilor brought on substitute Serge Cancino, who scored a hat-trick in the reverse fixture. Ian Hynds went off injured and was replaced by Jerry Altheim.

With five minutes left, the Keilor substitute did it again, popping in the winner. This goal killed any hope Altona may have had, of overtaking Sunshine in 1974.

Essendon Lions 5 Yalourn 0.

In a one sided game at Montgomery Park, Essendon trounced Yalourn by five clear goals.

The home side was never really extended and from the fifth minute when Mike Chudak opened the scoring, the result was never in doubt.

In the 11th minute, Bill Dackan made it 2-0 and three minutes before the break, Alex Napadowksi added a third.

Essendon are very happy with the form of 15 year old goalie Andy Depreto who is playing with the Victorian Under 16s in the interstate carnival later this month.

Mike Chudak completed his hat-trick with two good second half goals. Centre half Russell Pasicznyj did a good job as substitute for suspended Wally Kulyk. Chudak, also, had a great game for the victors.

Frankston City 1 St Albans 0.

A tough, keenly fought game at Seaford Reserve last Sunday, saw Frankston win by a second half goal scored by captain David High, who moved up to smash in a cross from Graham Clamp.

Although victory would have meant so much to St Albans, the game was fought out in good spirit. In the first half, particularly, Frankston forwards missed many good opportunities. Scorer of two goals last week, Norrie Campbell, was the biggest of fender.

In the second half, St Albans came out with renewed vigour. They forced six corners in the first seven minutes, all well placed by Ian Cassidy.

The visitor's attack was as goal shy as Frankston's and on one occasion, young Branko Culina missed a sitter from close in. When High moved up to score that fine goal, it seemed born

of frustration because neither attack appeared capable of beating two very fine keepers.

Lou Denys was injured early on but courageously carried on and brought off some great saves. Joe Biewer had a great game, his best for some time and effectively barred the middle route to goal.

Good entertainment, but unfortunate for St Albans, who fought with determination and desperation.

Frankston City will definitely start a ladies team in 1975. Interested young ladies in the area should contact Mrs Carol Starczewski, 783-7607. Frankston's reserve keeper, Nick Burgess, has been selected for the Victorian Under 17 squad, and will play in Perth next week in the interstate carnival. He played last year in the Under 16 State team.

Albion Rovers 0 Sunshine City 3.

An early threat by Tom Clark suggested that Albion might extend Sunshine on the heavy surface of Selwyn Park, but the visitors' more disciplined and methodical approach, became too much for the home side and the League leaders won pretty much as they liked.

The first goal was from a lightning approach down the right-wing. Jim McRobert met Laing's cross with a header which he guided into the corner of the net. Two minutes later a tragic error of judgement by John Pryde, led to a second goal. Doubling back on the wing he attempted to square the ball to his keeper, but it went straight to Bobby Pocock. Keeper Sandy Barclay saw the danger and dashed towards Pocock, but much too late. Pocock centred for McRobert to shoot for goal. McRobert's shot was blocked and Kazi Piotrowski hammered the rebound into the unguarded net. Albion struggled to compose themselves. Billy Rae worked hard but incurred the referee's displeasure with a number of rough tackles and several players who should know better, spent more energy with their mouths than they did with their feet.

Billy Cree, Billy Doggett and Sandy Barclay worked hard, kept their mouths shut and got on with the job. They were Albion's most effective players.

Mick Dixey moved up to collect a loose ball, following a series of corner kicks in the early part of the second half. His shot from the edge of the area flashed low into the far corner of the net.

Albion came more into the picture as Sunshine appeared to relax. Tom Clark shot over twice when in good position to score and Hugh Donnelly angled in a couple of good efforts which caused Johnson no real worry.

Albion have big plans for the future, based on a mighty junior setup. They will benefit and even now, youngsters like Emin are on the verge of the big time.

Many of their senior

players are close to the veteran stage and for the present the club is happy to hold its First Division status, but they are a club to watch in the next few years.

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SECOND DIVISION
Princes Park 1 Ringwood United 2.

Ringwood should have gone into a shock two minute lead at Princes Park, but George Liokos volleyed over from no more than a couple of yards out. Playing with the wind, Park pressured the visitors and eventually a hard drive was partially saved by Petersen, but rolled over the line to give them a single goal, half-time lead.

Ringwood was dangerous on the break and Jimmy Bumstead shot narrowly over. Their defence stood up well to the pressure and holding their opponents to one goal, was a fine effort.

Shortly after the break Falconer Ireland hammered a free kick from well outside the penalty area. The ball flew into the top corner of the net like a bullet. Ringwood suddenly sensed that they could win and ran rings round the opponents for long stretches. With ten minutes left, Ringwood scored that vital winning goal.

A high ball by John Ryan was beautifully back headed by Liokos and Ringwood were in front.

When Theo Psathas was replaced by defender Harry Garvie, Ireland moved up into attack and this lent extra punch. Ringwood deserved the points and on this form could still avoid the drop.

Waverley City 1 Richmond 0

Richmond, tough opposition at any time, fought this game out every inch of the way and Waverley had to try everything they knew to take the points.

The goal that brought victory, promotion and the Second Division flag, was scored in the 35th minute and it was scored the hard way.

Dave McCourt's corner kick was headed goalwards by Sammy Jordan, but the keeper dived and put the ball round the post. Peter Whitehurst took this corner and McCourt shot for goal. Jordan deflected it out of reach of the keeper into the net.

In the second half, defences were generally on top. Only shots of note occurred when Whitehurst hit the post with a shot early in the half and at the other end when Brian Hill hit the Waverley woodwork.

Hill was a bright star for Richmond and for Waverley, Ted Quy played his usual rock-like defensive role. Dick Smart, Eddie Smith and Dave Russell made noteworthy contributions to Waverley's win.

THIRD DIVISION
Park Rangers 5 Ballarat 0.

Ballarat struggled to stem the Park Rangers

tide but were outclassed by a side which is moving in top gear, with the promotion gleam in its eye. Nippy winger Eddie Cassidy put Rangers on the victory path with a good goal in the 12th minute. Roy Slater scored a further two before the interval.

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Heidelberg 0 Bayswater 3.

Bayswater arrived at Hawker Street for their important game against Heidelberg, without star players Colin Waller (injured) and Alec Pearson ('flu). Replacements Mike Thetford and evergreen Barnie Jensen did cracking jobs and fitted in perfectly with the rest of the boys.

Playing down hill, with the wind behind them, Bayswater stormed into attack from the start and took the lead in four minutes.

Alan Jackson raced downfield, beating three men in the process and slammed the ball into the net.

As half-time approached, Bayswater

stepped up the pressure and Jackson scored twice more in the space of three minutes, to complete a personal hat-trick. His first was a scorching drive from thirty yards and the other was a blockbuster from fifteen yards, following a free kick. Graham Fedor missed another fine opportunity when he shot wide, but perhaps an injured foot could be blamed for that. Before the break, Jackson again went close when he headed narrowly over.

The second half was anticlimax as the visitors were content to hang on to what they had, and Heidelberg lacked the finesse to break through Bayswater's uncompromising defence.

Geoff Gerish, Alan Jackson and Barnie Jensen were outstanding for Bayswater.

Bayswater's reserves have been going well, but were exceedingly lucky to take both points on Saturday.

Waverley City 1 Chelsea 0.

Brighton and Chelsea fought a traditional dour battle at Dendy Street. Goal opportunities were few and far between.

Billy Lewis and Bobby McLachlan blunted the effectiveness of danger men Jim Logan and Alf Neri.

Neville Haupt and Vic Finlay of Chelsea kept a close watch on John Irvine and Mick Starczewski.

Early in the game, Chelsea pressed and actually hit the woodwork three times, but Brighton were unruffled and stormed back.

Following a corner in the 30th minute, Grant McGregor smacked in the only goal, which keeps Brighton's promotion hopes alive and sets the stage for a great battle at Bayswater on Saturday.

Mick Benton, Ian McColl and McGregor were great defenders for Brighton.

Eltham 2 Corio 2.

Eltham produced something like their early

season form in the early part of their home game with Corio.

They went ahead in the first ten minutes with a 30 yard rocket from the boot of Les Gooney, which beat Tony Goran all the way.

Ten minutes before half-time, Mick Lister made it 2-0.

Corio reduced the lead two minutes later with an odd sort of goal. John Scott passed back as keeper Cliff Harrison rushed out. He missed the ball and Mick Hoare rushed back in an attempt to kick the ball off the line.

The referee awarded a goal.

Eltham defence did not cope as well with heavy mud as Corio's had done in the first half.

In the 60th minute, a cross from the left was hammered goalwards. Harrison got his hands to it but could not prevent it crossing the line. Corio were level and comfortably held on to take a point.

New coach, Ken Rose from Bayswater, seems to be pulling Eltham together again.

Alan Raynes, Mick Lister and Mick Hoare were Eltham's best. Gooney did well until he and a Corio player were sent off, following a mid-field spat.

Ken Meadows, Fred Van Someren, Eddie McMillan and Ken Prior were Corio's best, in a side which had plenty of good approach, but lack of mid-field.

Coburg United 2 Caulfield City 0.

Two weeks ago John Gamwell took over in goal when Bewley Marlow was injured. On Saturday, he got a nasty knock in the kidney region in the first five minutes, and Coburg brought on Marlow as his replacement. Bobby Malcolm, playing his first game for three weeks, took a through ball from brother George and cracked in the first goal, a minute before the interval.

Sammy Loughran replaced Tony Yearsley in the second half.

He took a pass from Bobby Malcolm and slipped a beauty for George to run on to and bang home number two.

Coburg were never really extended and should have won by a greater margin.

Alan Lenders was the best man on the Park.

Coburg Reserves won by six clear goals. Caulfield only had eight players.

Sammy Loughran played in the reserves

game and scored one of the goals. Phillip Alteri scored two with penalty kicks.

Essendon downed Doveton by an only goal, scored by Joe Vecchio from a Mario Coppolino corner kick in the 22nd minute.

Doveton only looked dangerous on an odd occasion, for Essendon had much the greater share of attack and the home side had to thank keeper B. Riess for keeping the score down.

Doveton went close in the early part of the second half when a ball bounced awkwardly on the rough surface, eluded Joe Sonsini and brought a brilliant save from Galdino Poropat.

Late in the game a flare up in mid-field led to Vito Spano being sent off for retaliation.

Essendon's best players were Poropat, Vecchio, Rino Ballerini and Dominic Parisi.

FOURTH DIVISION

Clayton 0 Mornington 0.

The match at Hill Top started on a wet and muddy surface which quickly churned up into a glue pot, making any kind of Soccer an impossibility. The referee wisely called it quits at half-time and the game will be replayed at a later date.

East Melbourne 5 Doncaster Rovers 1.

East Melbourne, with promotion a real possibility, were in no mood to give Doncaster any quarter at Murphy Reserve.

Doncaster's top scorer notched their only goal in the first half, but East Melbourne were 3-1 up at the interval and carried on remorselessly in the second term.

Van De Maat was chopped down and promptly retaliated. The referee sent both players for an early shower.

Martin Van De Maat scored one of Doncaster's goals in the reserves fortunate 2-2 draw.

Broadmeadows City 1 Sandringham City 0.

Broadmeadows were surprised with the forceful, go ahead play of their visitors and whilst they had most of the play, only managed to win by a 60 minute Laurie Gafa goal.

In the first half, Danny Spiteri hit the crossbar, a Laurie Gafa header brought a fantastic over the back, diving save by

home goal had nothing like the work of his opposite number, but was sound in all he had to do. One save at full stretch in the second half saved an almost certain equaliser.

Kane Nikolovski, Danny Spiteri, John Daly and Andy Gatt were Broadmeadows' stars. Sandringham's keeper was their outstanding man.

In the reserves game, Broadmeadows won comfortably by 4-1.

George Brooks opened the scoring in five minutes, then Micky Skitts scored a penalty and Henry Sandra banged in a free kick, before the interval. A second goal by Skitts in the second half, completed the home team's tally, Sandringham could only muster one in reply. Dennis Bickle, John Borg and Henry Sandra were the home side's best players.

Rosebud 0 South Yarra 0.

South Yarra's trip down the bay ended in a scoreless draw, a true reflection of a defence dominated game.

The match was hard but cleanly fought and a surprisingly good crowd had plenty to enthuse about. Rosebud's defence covered well and the visiting attack could make no impression.

Five minutes from time captain Alf Stark went off with a head injury, following a heading duel.

Keith Bain and Lou Di Marchi were the pick of South Yarra.

Melbourne University 0 Monash University 1.

In a game which became bogged down on the rough and muddy area at Princes Park, the only goal came from a penalty kick taken by Frank Perkin of Monash. Melbourne keeper, Paul Eldred, got his fingers to the ball, but could not stop its passage into goal.

Gerry Gillard had one shot blocked on the line and Melbourne fought back in the second half, forcing several abortive corners, but further goals always appeared unlikely.

Peter Roessler, Peter Gibson and Frank Perkin were Monash stars in their narrow victory. Although Monash won the reserves game, both sides played badly and the visitors hardly deserved both points.

Next Sunday will be a great afternoon's entertainment at Monash.

At 2.45 p.m., New Zealand combined universities will play the Monash Uni side which won the Australian Varsity title in the carnival held at Tamworth, last May.

This game will be preceded by a ladies match, Monash meeting Warrandyte.

As the university does not charge admission, a cheap and rewarding afternoon's sport awaits all who visit Monash University on Sunday.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

South Dandenong 0 Fawkner 6.

Playing against a strong wind, Fawkner held South Dandenong scoreless at the interval.

For the second half, they brought on experienced Angelo Minnala, for his first outing of the season. The team immediately began firing and goals came at regular intervals. Minnala scored two terrific goals and John Pater, playing an absolute stormer throughout, got another.

Tony Mainetti 2, and 16 year old Silvio Franin, scored the other goal. In addition, they hit the woodwork three times.

The home side was overwhelmed by this young, enthusiastic side who average less than 20 years of age.

Geelong 0 Frankston Pines 1.

A penalty goal, eight minutes from time, for hands was all that stood between these two teams after a hard and rugged battle.

Pines captain, John Black, made no mistake with the spot kick, but Paul Patrick, with a great chance to equalise in the dying minutes, put the ball over the bar.

Geelong's approach work was good, but their forwards just couldn't finish. Jim Robinson broke through, but with only the goalie in front of him, shot wide. Late in the game, Jim Llewellyn put Jim Warnock through, but Pines' goalie saved well and also saved Robinson's shot from the rebound. Geelong played the off-side game a lot, which caught Pines' forwards on numerous occasions, but little for the game as a spectacle.

Roger Haddy, Alan Ogilvie and Llewellyn were Geelong's best players, but the club has a difficult game on Saturday and will be under heavy pressure to keep their place at the head of the table.

Warrivee 3 Nunawading 0.

Warrivee well deserved their victory for they were generally superior to their visitors in all departments.

They got away to a flying start when Herman scored in the very first minute.

That they failed to score again before the turn round was due, in no small measure, to the cat like reflexes of visiting keeper John Warren, who brilliantly saved one point blank effort.

The game was far from one sided, although Warrivee put on a lot of second half pressure. It was not until late in the game that the home side sewed it with a quick goal.

John Warren, Peter Bailey, Paul Mullett and Ken Simpson were best for a defeated side which never gave up.

Nunawading Reserves turned up with only ten men, scored first and lost by 6-1.

ACTION SHOTS



Captain coach Hugh Murney and teammate Billy Rae, of Albion Rovers collide as they both went for the ball. A line of Sunshine City players watch with interest. Willie Laing (7), Chris Petrov (3) and George Maikousis.



Billy Cree (facing), Albion full-back challenges Sunshine players Kazi Piotrowski (hidden) and George Maikousis in a heading duel.



Oh the agony of it. Cameraman Graham Tie was among the goals last weekend and here he captures the ball flying into the net from Jimmy McRobert's head, for Sunshine's first goal, at Selwyn Park. The agonised looks are on the faces of Albion captain Hugh Murney and prostrate goalkeeper Sandy Barclay.



Stan Foster (Albion), comes in with shoulder hunched up out of the way of Frank Mussel's hefty clearance kick, in an effort to smother the ball. Bobby Pocock (Sunshine) watches from a distance.



Crash. Willie Laing of Sunshine crashes to the deck in a desperate attempt to score, as Albion full-back Charlie McCorquodale clears the ball under the anxious watch of keeper Sandy Barclay.



George Maikousis demonstrates perfect balance and concentration as he brings the ball under control, whilst being challenged by Albion defender Billy Cree.



"My ball thank you." Kazi Piotrowski appears to be moving Billy Rae of Albion aside, in order to get the ball. George Maikousis watches in open mouthed amusement.

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LEFT: "All in Action" at Middle Park on Sunday when Hakoah played J.U.S.T. Here we see Micerski (Back Hakoah) about to send the ball away with a kick, Kazi goes.

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SOCER GOSSIP

By JOHN MARTIN

TALK is that Peter Bourne and Ian Marshall, the two South Melbourne Hellas stars, still want to join Sydney clubs at the end of the season. I wonder why? Would it be the money or a chance to join the Australian World Cup squad for 1978.

OUR schoolboys' defeat in Sydney last weekend by England's crack schoolboy team 2-0 proves that Australian junior soccer (like our senior game) is still a few light years behind the game in England. What are we doing about it? I'm sure we can expect better things once the Victorian Federation have made an appointment with the new coach to show our lads how to play the game in our schools. But we still have a long way to go.

CONDITION of Olympic Park was shocking on Saturday. Since the new athletic track was installed the water does not seem to leave the soccer ground. Drainage never has been the best at the Park, no wonder Tony Charlton (GTV9) said on Saturday he would like to see all the main games played at Middle Park stadium. This ground is the favorite with Pressmen. It is difficult to get them to go anywhere else at weekends because they enjoy the facilities there. Apart from that the Press Box is so close to the playing area at Middle Park and it is easy to pick out the players and their numbers.

I left my colleagues at Middle Park on Sunday while I braved the elements at Schintler Reserve. Only one phone and this is in the referees' room, no stand or shelter and very primitive toilet facilities. It's just not good enough for any sport.

FITZROY United Alexander is a club with no real facilities. It's only by the grace of God that they are at Olympic Park. I'm sure if they received the nod from the Fitzroy Council to take over the old footy oval there, they would be off like a shot. Archie Stogiou is Alexander's longest serving supporter. He is most concerned about the poor training facilities the club has for its players. His two daughters on Saturday made 50 rosettes and sold them for \$2 each to support the club. They went around Olympic Park selling them and fans said if they had made 300 they would have bought them. Archie has been with the club for 15 years and his only regret is he hasn't a son playing in the Alexander first team.

BILL CURRAN, probably Victoria's leading coach with young schoolboys, is doing a great job for the State and for Hakoah St Kilda club. Every Tuesday night at South Melbourne Tech he trains about 18 boys under 14 how to kick the ball. It is

ed in the reserves on Saturday, is a promising player of the future. "Before this season is over he'll make his place in the first team," said Joe.

MORE than 4000 turned out to see the game of the week at Footscray Road ground last Sunday between George Cross and St Melbourne Hellas. If this game had been played at a better ground, with better facilities, there would have been at least another 2000 present.

CLIFF PORTWOOD, the singer soccer player-coach, remains a star on HSV's Penthouse Club but he would like to coach juniors. Cliff has had experience in English league soccer with Portsmouth and he feels he's wasting his time with all the knowledge he has of the game. Hear, hear!

GEORGE CROSS supporters are pretty upset with the two weeks suspension their striker Paul Murphy received last week. Coach Ken Patterson said with Murphy in the side they would have beaten Hellas at Footscray Road on Sunday. Murphy received cautions against Alexander, JUST and Slavia. But according to Murphy, this hasn't killed his chances of winning the top goal scoring competition. He's level on 14 goals with Jim Armstrong (Hellas) and even with two weeks out he believes he can still beat Armstrong for the top honors this season. "It was a disgrace," said Murphy after he had heard of his suspension. "They don't know what they are doing. When I return against Ringwood City I'll score a bagful of goals. Look out Ringwood!" said Murphy.

SAM Papasavas, Hellas president, is very confident that his club can win the championship this season. "We are three points in front," he said after Hellas drew 1-1 with George Cross on Sunday, "and as we play JUST next Sunday and JUST have to play in the week, we should win. JUST were our only threat and they have been beaten by Hakoah." Mr Papasavas described Sunday's game with George Cross as "very exciting. It was a fair result. It was fortunate for the spectators that it didn't rain," he said. "I thought Kokkinos played a very reasonable game today, particularly in the second half," said the Hellas president after Sunday's game. "I felt very sorry for Armstrong because he didn't score," he added.

VOTES for the motor car at the big game at Footscray Road last Sunday went to John Daperis (Hellas) 3, Steve Walker (Hellas) 2, and Lou Kastner (George Cross) 1.

CAULFIELD CITY club hold a dinner-dance at Able Tasman club,

Provisional League

S. Dandenong 0 v Fawkner 6

After a modest first half, Fawkner started to

dominate the game and scored six goals in the second half with John Pater, Franin, Mainenti (2) and Minnala (2).

Minnala, playing his first game of the season, was brilliant putting order in the middle field.

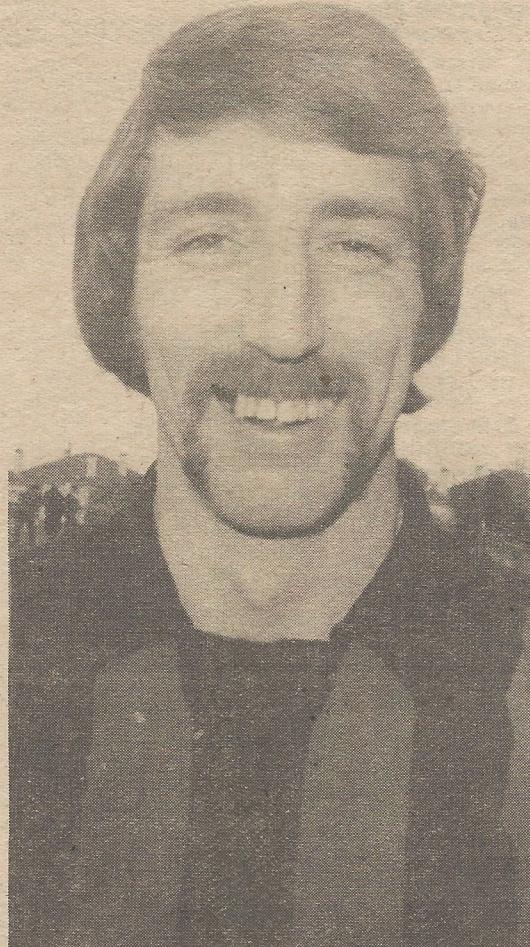
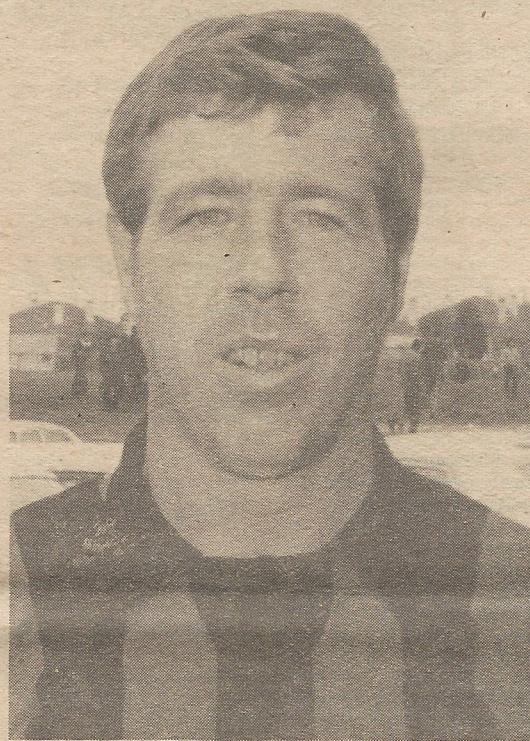
Best players for Fawkner: Minnala, Schipano, J. Pater.

Next Saturday: Fawkner v Geelong.

Mario Coreno, of Fawkner Soccer Club

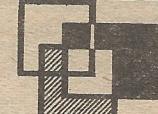
PROFILE

Ex Slavia State League star, Ian Reid.



All the results from August 10th which you did not get in the Dailies. Soccer Week gives you the full information at all times!

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| BIRMINGHAM NORWICH | 1 | 31 |
| CARLISLE SUNDERLAND | 2 | 00 |
| MAN. CITY OLDHAM | 3 | 21 |
| NEWCASTLE MIDDLESBRO' | 4 | 40 |
| ORIENT LUTON | 5 | 22 |
| PETERBORO' WEST BROM. | 6 | 21 |
| SHEFF. UTD. BLACKPOOL | 7 | 12 |
| SOUTH'PTON WEST HAM | 8 | 20 |
| LEEDS LIVERPOOL | 9 | 11 |
| BATH C. PLYMOUTH | 10 | 41 |
| BLYTH SP. HARTLEPOOL | 11 | 12 |
| BOLTON BLACKBURN | 12 | 22 |
| BOURNEM'TH CARDIFF | 13 | MR |
| BRADFORD C. TRANMERE R. | 14 | 12 |
| BRIDGWATER MINEHEAD | 15 | 31 |
| BRISTOL C. COVENTRY | 16 | 21 |
| CAMB'GE UTD. ALDERSHOT | 17 | 02 |
| DONCASTER HUDDERSF'LD | 18 | 11 |
| FULHAM TOTTENHAM | 19 | 01 |
| GAINSBORO' ROTHERHAM | 20 | 03 |
| GATESHEAD BARNESLEY | 21 | 13 |
| GRIMSBY YORK | 22 | 01 |
| HULL MAN. UTD. | 23 | 11 |
| KETTERING MANSFIELD | 24 | 12 |
| LANCASTER CHORLEY | 25 | 10 |
| LINCOLN WATFORD | 26 | 01 |
| MAIDST'NE U. Q.P.R. | 27 | 10 |
| MARGATE CHARLTON | 28 | 10 |
| MORECAMBE STALYBRIDGE | 29 | 12 |
| NOTT'M FOR. LEICESTER | 30 | 13 |
| PORTSMOUTH IPSWICH | 31 | 02 |
| READING OXFORD UTD. | 32 | 20 |
| SALISBURY SLOUGH | 33 | 11 |
| SCARBORO' DARLINGTON | 34 | 10 |
| TAVISTOCK EXETER | 35 | 12 |
| TONBRIDGE GRAVESEND | 36 | 11 |
| WALSALL CHESTER | 37 | 10 |
| WIGAN A. ROSENDALE | 38 | MR |
| WORCSTER C. NEWPORT | 39 | 12 |
| ABERDEEN HEARTS | 40 | 01 |
| AIRDRIE CLYDEBANK | 41 | 40 |
| ALLOA EAST FIFE | 42 | 12 |
| BRECHIN STENH'SEM'R | 43 | 22 |
| CELTIC MOTH'WELL | 44 | 21 |
| DUMBARTON CLYDE | 45 | 23 |
| DUNDEE UTD. AYR UTD. | 46 | 31 |
| DUNF'MLINE MORTON | 47 | 11 |
| FALKIRK COWDENB'TH | 48 | 40 |
| FORFAR E. STIRLING | 49 | 32 |
| HAMILTON BERWICK R. | 50 | 40 |
| HIBERNIAN RANGERS | 51 | 31 |
| KILMARNOCK MONROSE | 52 | 20 |
| PARTICK ARBROATH | 53 | 10 |
| QUEEN'S PK. STRANRAER | 54 | 00 |
| RAITH R. Q. OF SOUTH | 55 | 11 |
| ST. JOHNS'NE DUNDEE | 56 | 21 |
| ST. MIRREN STIRLING A. | 57 | 32 |



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Rock like pivot Albert Harrison, best man on the ground last Saturday. A stalwart all season for Preston, he played State League with George Cross.

RESULTS

UNDER 14

Doncaster 2 v

Eltham 0

The first league loss Eltham had suffered in many weeks and if they had taken their chances in the first half, it would have been possible for them to have taken the points in this game as well.

Played under very difficult conditions it was a credit to both sides that they all kept going to the end. The whole of the centre of the ground was a morass of mud and most of the wing areas were very wet.

Eltham started off well and were soon into attack, playing down the slope. They were combining well and most of the attacks were coming down the left wing.

Alan Hadzic, Rory Hoolahan and Kevin Emsden were all unlucky not to have scored but tight defence by the home side made sure that they were forced to shoot hurriedly.

Not a lot was seen of Doncaster in the early stages mainly due to tight marking by the Eltham midfield and a command of the centre by Fred Vanderslik. Half time arrived with no score although Eltham had the majority of the play they were not strong enough to press home their advantages.

The second half saw a difference in the pattern of play and with the aid of the slope, Doncaster came more into the game. Although they were attacking as often as possible Eltham were also having their turn at attacking.

Both Rory Hoolahan and Alan Hadzic were unlucky with shots, and Kevin Emsden saw his header saved from a corner kick. About ten minutes before time when it looked as if a draw would result, a hard cross from the right was missed by three Eltham players and Mark Dale was unable to stop the ball going into the net.

This spurred Doncaster to greater effort although Eltham were still fighting on hoping to salvage a point. Some eight minutes later Doncaster increased their lead when slack marking allowed a Doncaster forward to hammer the ball into the net.

Eltham still kept plugging away but were unable to crack a solid defence. It was disappointing from Eltham's point of view but Trevor Newnes, Nugget Bailey and Marcel and Freddy Vanderslik tried hard all day to see that their side kept in the game.

UNDER 10

Eltham 9 v

Keilor 0

Our boys were as overwhelming as the score suggests. They were on top all day even though the pitch was inclined to be muddy and wet they managed to play entertaining soccer.

The halftime score was 6-0 and it was a great team effort to produce this number of goals before halftime.

The forwards were combining well and were being prompted all the time by Tony Barry. Although nine goals in all

were scored, the two best came from Mark Lofthouse, converting a Stephen Bell cross with a first time volley. And Duncan Walker's lobbed shot over the goalkeepers head.

In all Mark Lofthouse scored three, Duncan Walker two, and Connor Hoolahan, Stephen Bell, Russell Gronow and Tony Barry one each.

It was a great credit to the Keilor goalkeeper that he saved many good shots and but for him his team would have suffered a greater defeat. Apart from a great team effort, Tony Barry, Mark Lofthouse, Stephen Bell and Duncan Walker were the most prominent Eltham players.

MORELAND MEADOWS JUNIOR MATCH REPORTS PLAYED 11-8-74

UNDER 10

Mossfiel v Moreland Meadows (at Mossfiel). A win to Moreland 5-0.

Today Moreland played well as a team. We seem to have reformed our side successfully with the new players.

The positional changes this week resulted in good teamwork and all the boys played well to the instructions of the coach, Vic Chetcuti. The defence was solid and dependable and often creative in their play.

The forward line combined well, both creating and taking opportunities.

Particularly brilliant was S. Palmer who dominated the centre line at No. 10. Well played, lads - keep it up.

Goalscorers:— S. Palmer (3) 10th, 20th & 39th mt. L. Leane (2) 25th, 35th mt.

Best Players:— S. Palmer, S. Chetcuti.

UNDER 11

Moreland v Hellas (at Moreland). A win to Moreland 1-0.

A good hard-fought game by both teams but marred by the actions of the officials and supporters of the Hellas Club. The first half saw plenty of action but no goals.

The second half saw positional changes made to add more bite to the forward line. R. Cortese was brought from centre half, where he had performed well, to centre forward and this did the trick.

T. Contessa worked like a beaver on the right wing and at last Joe in the No. 2 shirt did well enough to get into the best three players.

The only goal came in the last minutes of play from A. Waldron who is, unfortunately for us, going overseas for eight weeks. Thanks, Andy, for a great going-away present to the team - so hurry back!

I hope we learned from you, Hellas, how to chase every ball and keep trying.

Best for Moreland:— T. Contessa, R. Cortese, G. Mandragona.

UNDER 15

Moreland v Sunshine Hts. (Friendly). Result a draw 2-2.

A game of very high standard. We are proud of the Moreland side who, with two under-age players, played very good

soccer against a very strong side (and who beat the Vic. Squad 1-0).

Those fortunate enough to watch this match agreed that it would be one of the best of the season.

Goalscorers for Moreland:— R. Dominicella (1) M. Tribizo (1).

UNDER 13

Moreland v Fawkner (Friendly). A scratch Moreland team who played a good game but Fawkner proved to be too strong. Result:— Fawkner 4, Moreland 1.

RESULTS

YARRA

UNDER 10

Rosanna v Fawkner 2-1. Lions A v Greensborough 3-0. Eltham v Keilor-Austria 9-0. Watsonia v Melbourne 1-2. Mossfiel v Moreland 0-5. Richmond v Lions B 6-1.

UNDER 11

Moreland v Hellas 1-0.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

PLAYED BY

DONCASTER

ROVERS SOCCER

CLUB

10th/11 August

1974

Saturday

10th August

Seniors 1 lost to East Melbourne 5.

Goal Scorers: Garry Van De Maat 1.

Best Players: Chris Wells, Bob Nead.

Reserves 2 drew with East Melbourne 2.

Goal Scorers: Martin Van De Maat 1, Jim Hall 1.

Juniors Under 16, 6 defeated Ess. Lions 1.

Under 8 Green 1 defeated Mooroolbark 0.

Under 8 Gold 0 lost to Croydon 4.

Doncaster Seniors v Broadmeadows at Donvale Res. KO 2.45.

Doncaster Reserves v Broadmeadows at Donvale Res. KO 1.00.

na at Rosanna KO 1.00.

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QUARTER FINALS

JUNIORS

U.8 Green 2 defeated Doveton 0.

U.7 Green 4 defeated Ringwood City 'B' 0.

SUNDAY

JUNIORS

Under 14 2 defeated Eltham 0.

Under 13 Green 2, defeated Mitcham 1.

GAMES TO BE

PLAYED BY

DONCASTER

ROVERS SOCCER

CLUB

Saturday

17th August 1974

JUNIORS

U.16 Doncaster v Greensborough at Greensborough KO. 1.00.

U.8 Green Bye.

U.8 Gold v Ringwood City 'A' at Donvale Res.

K.O. 11.00.

U.7 Green v Peninsula at Peninsula KO. 11.00.

SUNDAY

18th August, 1974

U.20A v Polonia at Polonia K.O. 2.45.

U.20B v Melton at Melton K.O. 2.45.

JUNIORS

U.14 Doncaster v Rosanna at Rosanna I.O. 1.00.

U.13 Green v Bayswater at Bayswater K.O. 1.00.

U.13 Gold v Juventus at Donvale Res. K.O. 1.00.

U.12 Green v Nunawading at Nunawading KO. 11.00.

U.12 Gold v Waverley at Donvale Res. K.O. 11.00.

U.11 Green NO GAME.

U.11 Gold v Ferntree Gully at Ferntree Gully KO. 13.00.

DISTRICT LEAGUE

Sunday

11th August, 1974

NORTH DIVISION

Round 15

Bye v Bulleen, Nth.

Gully at Donvale Res. K.O. 11.00.

U.10 Green v Croydon at Donvale Res. K.O. 10.00.

U.10 Green v Waverley at Waverley K.O. 10.00.

U.9 Gold v Watsonia Hts/Moreland at Donvale Res. K.O. 10.00.

Melb. v Thomastown 0-1

R. 2-3. Mitcham v Diamond Creek 9-2 R. 7-1.

Greensborough v Latrobe Uni. 3-3 R. 10-1. Rosanna v Alveston 3-5 R. 5-0.

SOUTH DIVISION

Round 17

Postal Inst. v Nana-

wading Utd. 2-1 R. 8-1.

Monbulk v Sandown 0-2.

Mordialloc v Toorak 12-0. West Richmond v Nth. Dandenong 2-1.

Nth. Springvale v Chad-

stone 4-1. Balaclava v Karingal 3-2.

THIRDS COMPETITION

UNDER 20's DIVISION

Round 15

Frankston Pines v Doncaster B (P/P). Uni. of Melbourne v Melton 8-1.

WEST DIVISION

Round 14

Broadmeadows v Eltham 3-0.

EAST DIVISION

Round 15

Bye v Burnley. Pascoe

Vale v Kew 2-2. St. Oakleigh v Croxton 1-2

R. 0-2. Hawthorn v East Brunswick 1-1. Hawksburn v Hampton 1-0 R. 6-3.

WEST DIVISION

Round 17

Central Brunswick v Ascot Utd. 0-1. Williams-

town v Sunbury Utd. 0-4

R. 4-3. Hotham Utd. v

Kensington 2-2 R. 4-2.

Nth. Sunshine v East Carlton 4-1 R. 0-5.

CENTRAL DIVISION

Round 14

Moorabbin v Waverley B 0-4.

SOUTH DIVISION

Round 14

Dandenong v Clayton 2-2. Monash Uni. v Dove-

ton 0-4.

DIVISION 1

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UNDER 8

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | For | Agst. |
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| Seaford | 14 | 14 | — | — | 72 | 3 |
| Peninsula | 14 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 42 | 12 |
| Doveton | 14 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 33 | 16 |
| F/Pines | 14 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 8 | 52 |
| Karingal | 14 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 5 | 40 |
| Overport | 14 | — | 1 | 12 | 2 | 39 |

UNDER 9

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | For | Agst. |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-------|
| Overport | 15 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 42 | 5 |
| Karingal | 14 | 12 | — | 2 | 48 | 6 |
| F/Pines | 15 | 9 | — | 6 | 34 | 16 |
| Seaford | 13 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 23 |
| Peninsula | 14 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 40 |
| Doveton | 15 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 51 |

UNDER 10

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | For | Agst. |
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| Seaford A | 15 | 12 | 3 | — | 59 | 3 |
| Karingal | 15 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 35 | 3 |
| Doveton | 15 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 30 | 10 |
| Overport | 15 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 35 | 12 |
| Peninsula | 15 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 51 | 23 |
| Seaford B | 14 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 21 | 17 |
| F/Pines | 15 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 32 | 25 |
| Chelsea | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 19 | 34 |
| Brighton | 15 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 26 |
| D'nong City | 13 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 39 |
| Springvale | 15 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 36 |
| Rosebud | 15 | — | 1 | 14 | 0 | 76 |

UNDER 11

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | For | Agst. |
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| F/Pines | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 64 | 10 |
| Overport | 12 | 10 | — | 2 | 74 | 6 |
| Karingal | 13 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 40 | 10 |
| Seaford B | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 48 | 18 |
| Seaford A | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 43 | 18 |
| D'nong City | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 31 | 22 |
| Springvale | 13 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 18 | 39 |
| Peninsula | 12 | 1 | — | 11 | 3 | 87 |
| Brighton | 12 | — | — | 12 | 1 | 112 |

UNDER 12

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | For | Agst. |
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| Karingal | 13 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 68 | 11 |
| Seaford A | 13 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 42 | 7 |
| F/Pines | 14 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 41 | 15 |
| Doveton | 14 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 42 | 17 |
| Overport | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 29 | 11 |
| Peninsula A | 13 | 8 | — | 5 | 36 | 10 |
| Seaford B | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 22 | 19 |
| Brighton | 13 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 22 | 25 |
| Peninsula B | 14 | 2 | — | 12 | 14 | 88 |
| Rosebud | 13 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 8 | 54 |
| D'nong City | 13 | — | 1 | 12 | 5 | 72 |

UNDER 13

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| Seaford | 14 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 67 | 16 |
| Springvale | 14 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 48 | 13 |
| Peninsula | 14 | 11 | — | 3 | 40 | 11 |
| F/Pines | 13 | 10 | — | 3 | 66 | 11 |
| Doveton | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 28 | 23 |
| Karingal | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 34 | 36 |
| Clayton | 13 | 4 | — | 9 | 32 | 56 |
| Brighton | 14 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 26 | 52 |
| Overport | 13 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 13 | 44 |
| Bayswater | 13 | — | — | 13 | 1 | 77 |

UNDER 14

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| Karingal | 13 | 12 | — | 1 | 101 | 4 |
| Melbourne | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 69 | 7 |
| F/Pines | 13 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 37 | 11 |
| Doveton | 15 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 59 | 28 |
| Peninsula | 13 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 23 | 22 |
| Springvale | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 23 | 33 |
| D'nong City | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 27 | 47 |
| D'nong Nth | 14 | 4 | — | 10 | 24 | 35 |
| Seaford | 13 | 2 | — | 11 | 7 | 86 |
| C/field City | 14 | 1 | — | 13 | 7 | 93 |

UNDER 15

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | For | Agst. |
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| Seaford | 14 | 10 | 4 | — | 56 | 10 |
| Springvale | 12 | 10 | 2 | — | 55 | 15 |
| Karingal | 13 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 56 | 15 |
| Overport | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 23 | 41 |
| Peninsula | 13 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 13 | 40 |
| Nunawading | 9 | 3 | — | 6 | 20 | 32 |
| F/Pines | 10 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 26 |
| Moorabbin | 11 | 1 | — | 10 | 11 | 66 |

UNDER 16

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| Bayswater | 13 | 10 | — | 3 | 52 | 20 |
| Richmond | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 19 | 13 |
| Springvale | 13 | 8 | — | 5 | 46 | 30 |
| Moorabbin | 13 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 26 | 18 |
| C/field City | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 21 | 33 |
| Chelsea | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 17 | 26 |
| Doveton | 13 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 20 | 37 |
| Karingal | 14 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 18 | 29 |
| D'nong City | 12 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 22 | 36 |

DANDENONGS LEAGUES

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| George Cross | 15 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 28 | 23 | 17 Eltham | 17 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 40 | 39 | 13 |
| Footscray JUST | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 15 | 17 Ballarat | 18 | 5 | 2 | 11 | 26 | 35 | 12 |
| Juventus | 14 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 19 | 19 | 16 Coburg | 17 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 26 | 45 | 9 |
| Mooroolbark | 15 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 14 | 23 | 14 Caulfield City | 18 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 17 | 98 | 3 |
| Polonia-M | 15 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 14 | 16 | 13 4TH DIVISION METROPOLITAN LEAGUE | | | | | | | |
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| Keilor-Austria | 15 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 9 | 29 | 5 Clayton | 18 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 46 | 28 | 26 |

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

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| Sth. Melbourne H | 15 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 21 | 15 | 17 Mornington | 18 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 20 | 38 | 12 |
| Mooroolbark | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 24 | 15 | 15 South Yarra | 18 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 22 | 47 | 10 |
| Hakoah St Kilda | 15 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 26 | 21 | 15 Sandringham | 19 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 22 | 45 | 9 |
| Footscray JUST | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 23 | 12 | 14 Rosebud | 19 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 15 | 46 | 9 |
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| Keilor-Austria | 14 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 20 | 42 | 27 Moorabbin C. | 19 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 34 | 29 | 23 |
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| Sunshine City | 19 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 39 | 9 | 31 Melb. Uni. | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 28 | 19 | 23 |
| Preston | 19 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 47 | 18 | 27 B'meadows C. | 16 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 35 | 15 | 22 |
| Altona City | 19 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 43 | 20 | 27 Moorabbin C. | 19 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 34 | 29 | 23 |
| Keilor City | 19 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 45 | 27 | 25 Bell Park | 19 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 34 | 28 | 19 |
| Albion Rovers | 17 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 31 | 24 | 19 Sandringham | 19 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 43 | 45 | 17 |
| Frankston City | 18 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 29 | 29 | 19 Mornington | 18 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 21 | 45 | 10 |
| Green Gully | 19 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 24 | 27 | 17 E. Melbourne | 19 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 27 | 62 | 9 |
| Western Suburbs | 19 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 21 | 36 | 17 South Yarra | 18 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 15 | 46 | 8 |
| Essendon Lions | 18 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 28 | 38 | 16 Rosebud | 18 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 13 | 53 | 4 |
| St Albans | 18 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 17 | 31 | 10 PROVISIONAL LEAGUE | | | | | | | |
| Box Hill | 19 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 13 | 30 | 4 P. L. RESERVES | | | | | | | |
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| Sunshine City | 18 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 45 | 15 | 30 Werribee | 19 | 14 | 1 | 4 | 38 | 25 | 29 |
| Altona City | 18 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 42 | 16 | 26 Morwell Falcons | 19 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 54 | 25 | 28 |
| Keilor City | 18 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 36 | 25 | 23 Langwarrin | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 48 | 31 | 23 |
| Frankston City | 18 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 35 | 24 | 22 Frankston Pines | 17 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 44 | 22 | 22 |
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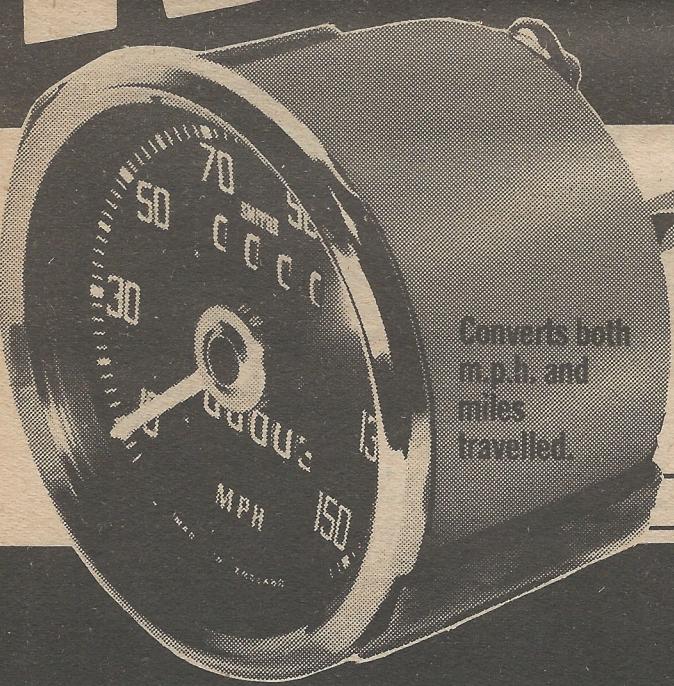
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